

REMARKS

The present response is intended to deal fully with all matters noted by the Examiner in the Final Office Action issued on April 3, 2009.

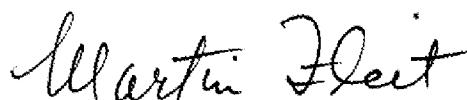
Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1, 2 and 4 – 20 were pending. Claims 1-7, 10-14, 16, 19 and 20 are cancelled. Claims 15, 17, and 18 stand allowed. Claim 8 is indicated as allowable, and has been appropriately amended to be independent incorporating all the limitations of its parent (base) claim. Claim 9 is dependent on claim 8. Thus, only allowed claims or allowable claims remain in the application. The amendments to claim 8 have taken into account the previous objections under 35 U.S.C. 112 noted by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully assert that amendments to the claims add no new matter. In making this amendment without prejudice, Applicants reserve all rights to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications.

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should be in condition for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully solicited to grant entry to this amendment and early passage of this case to issue. If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time, time sufficient, to effect a timely response, and shortages in this or other fees, be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Deposit Account of the undersigned, Account No. 500601 (Docket no. 7057-X08-050)

Respectfully submitted,



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